

IGNITE CREATIVITY TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY

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INGATHERING MUSIC “Imagine” John Lennon and Yoko Ono, 1971; sung by Lennon

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS Janet Luongo

CHALICE LIGHTING AND READING Sari Bodi and Pat Francek

SONG “If I Had a Hammer” by Pete Seeger and Lee Hays, 1949; sung by Peter Paul and Mary

1. If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning, I'd hammer in the evening, all over this land.

Chorus: I'd hammer out danger, I'd hammer out warning,
I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters, all over this land.

2. If I had a bell, I'd ring it in the morning...

Chorus: I'd ring out danger...

3. If I had a song, I'd sing in the morning...

Chorus: I'd sing out danger...

4. Well, I got a hammer, and I got a bell. I got a song to sing, all over this land.

Chorus: It's a hammer of justice, it's a bell of freedom.

It's a song about love between my brothers and my sisters, all over this land (2 X.)

COVENANT Statement of Affirmation and Aspiration

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.

This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,

To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

CANDLELIGHTING Chuck Harrington, Chaplain, and Cheryl Dixon Paul

TESTIMONIAL of why a creative person works for a just democracy and gun sense Darcy Hicks

MUSIC “America the Beautiful” by Samuel A. Ward and Katharine L. Bates, 19th c; sung by Ray Charles

SERMON Ignite Creativity to Defend Democracy Janet

SHARE YOUR VISION OF “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL” in groups of 3 Janet

VOTING BALLOT Check **one** issue of democracy you want TUCW-UUtheVote to focus on in 2022

OFFERING <https://vop.tucw.org/> OR VENMO (The Unitarian Church in Westport, TUCW-1)

OFFERATORY MUSIC Cheryl Dixon Paul, flute

CLOSING WORDS *Now the true “service” begins!* Janet

RALLY, CALL AND RESPONSE TUCWomen

Call: What do you want? **Response:** Democracy! **Call:** When do you want it? **Response:** NOW!

"MARCHING" MUSIC

"Freedom" by Jon Batiste,

sung by Jon Batiste

CALL TO ACTION

Follow TUCWomen out to the foyer to take one or both ACTIONS now!

- **Wings4Peace:** Art to move America from violence to Peace. Go left to East Wing, with **Darcy Hicks**
- **Reclaim our Vote:** Write 20 stamped postcards to Black voters in FL (mail ASAP) **or** Write letters for CT Against Gun Violence. Go right to West Wing, with **UUtheVote**.

(NOTE: If you pick up cards, you get a free autographed copy of *Rebellion, 1967: A Memoir.*)

THANK YOU to:

- **Darcy Hicks, special guest artist.** Go to Wings4Peace.com and her FB page, DefenDemocracy
- **Ushers:** Tom Croarkin and Glenn Newell
- **Partners** in creating this service: David Vita, Cheryl Dixon Paul, Jim Luongo, Erik Paul, Rob Laug, Jamie Forbes, Sari Bodi, Sudha Sankar, Pat Francek, Teryl Eisenberg, Ruth Fontilla, Lisa Donohue-Olivieri, and Nina Olivieri.

TUCW DEMOCRACY EVENTS - All welcome, invite friends!

- **Jamie's Pro-Choice Postcard Party** in August. For info, contact Jamie: jforbes1@gmail.com
- **Ongoing Democracy Events.** We need an army of volunteers to defend democracy, contact Janet: janetluongo.wellness@gmail.com

"It's hard to choose one issue that's most important for democracy. All of them are important and they are all connected. If we elect good leaders, we'll make progress on all issues." - Nina Olivieri, UU youth, CT

Flowers

Given by UUtheVote and TUCWomen in dedication to Ruth Bader Ginsburg for her courageous creativity.

We're glad you're here with us! Please share your contact information with us and hand to an usher.

Name: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Email:** _____



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